Review of Income Level for OBC Reservation

*115. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gross annual income of Rs. 1,00,000 and above in respect of the persons belonging to OBC which was prescribed as early as in 1993 to exclude-them from the benefit of reservation still continues despite the fact that the salary of employees has been raised consequent upon the implementation of the recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission coupled with the substantial increase in the price index;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to review that said gross income and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Constitution of a Review Committee to consider the issue of modification of the income criteria prescribed in Department of Personnel & Training OM No. 36012/22/93-East (SCT) dated 8.9.1993 is under consideration.

National Policy for Elders

*116. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered any National Policy to take care of the elder persons in the society; and?

(b) if so, what social welfare measures Government intend to take in case of the elderly people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.